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1. PROFESSOR WALLACE FARNHAM HAS AGAIN DISCUSSED THE DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIANA AND WARSAW UNIVERSITIES WITH PROFESSOR ANDRZEJ BARTNICKI. BARTNICKI SAYS THAT THE FINAL AGREEMENT MUST CONTAIN SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IN WHICH THE AMERICAN SIDE AGREES TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLISH STUDIES CENTER IN THE U.S. BARTNICKI DOES NOT FEEL THAT THIS "CENTER" WILL HAVE TO BE LOCATED ON ONLY ONE U.S. CAMPUS, AND HE SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED THAT IT BE SHARED BETWEEN INDIANA AND ILLINOIS WITH HISTORY AT ILLINOIS AND LITERATURE AT INDIANA.

2. FARNHAM SUGGESTS THAT THIS SPECIFIC PROPOSAL BE PRESENTED TO INDIANA AND ILLINOIS BEFORE THE IDEA OF A "FLOATING" CENTER IS PROPOSED TO MWUCIA. FARNHAM SAYS THAT HE SPOKE WITH DEAN ROBERT ROGERS OF THE ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CONCERNING THE PROBLEM OF RECIPROCITY BEFORE HE CAME TO POLAND LAST SUMMER AND THAT THOUGH DEAN ROGERS WAS NOT THEN IN ANY POSITION TO CONSIDER A SPECIFIC PRO-POSAL HE WAS CERTAINLY NOT HOSTILE TO THE IDEA. FARNHAM SAYS THAT HE WROTE TO PROFESSOR RALPH FISHER, CHAIRMAN OF THE
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(CHAMPAIGN/URBANA) CONCERNING RECIPROCITY AND A POLISH STUDIES CENTER IN EARLY OCTOBER. DURING HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH ROGERS AND IN HIS LETTER TO FISHER, FARNHAM WAS NOT AWARE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD BE WILLING TO FUND PART OF THE EXPENSES FOR THE POLISH SCHOLARS LECTURING ON U.S. CAMPUSES. HE HAS ASKED THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BE INFORMED OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THIS MANNER. FARNHAM FEELS THAT THERE IS SINCERE INTEREST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS IN POLISH STUDIES AND THAT THE UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE APPROACHED ON THIS MATTER AND AT LEAST BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REFUSE.

3. THE EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATES THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT FOR THIS PROGRAM. WE FEEL THAT THE APPROACH SUGGESTED BY PROFESSOR FARNHAM SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE THE IDEA OF A "FLOATING" CENTER IS TABLED WITH THE MWUCIA ON NOVEMBER 10. THE LATTER PROPOSAL MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE POLISH SIDE IN THE LONG RUN; BUT WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THEY WILL BE MUCH MORE ATTRACTED BY SPECIFIC RECIPROCITY AT ILLINOIS AND INDIANA. PLEASE ADVISE.
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